

# **Northampton Policing Review Commission: Spending and Contracts Subcommittee**

## **MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, December, 16th, 2020  
5:30PM - 7:00PM  
Remote Meeting

### **To join the remote meeting:**

- **Video conference:**

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1. Call to Order

- Announcement of Zoom Recording
- Roll Call
- Approval of meeting minutes

3. Discussion items: Analysis on recently acquired data on policing man hours

4. Collaborative writing of Spending and Contracts subcommittee proposal for preliminary report

4. New Business

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Josey Rosales at 5:59pm.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING**

Noa Coffey-Moore made an announcement that this meeting is being recorded for the public record and would be available on Northampton Open Media, as well as, the City of Northampton website.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Lois Ahrens Present

Daniel Cannity Present

Michael Quinlan Not Present

Josey Rosales Present

## **2. Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Josey Rosales moved to approve the meeting 12/7 minutes. Commissioner Lois Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion is passed unanimously.

## **3. Discussion items: Analysis on recently acquired data on policing man hours**

The Commissioners discussed logistics around the budget excel documents they received from the NPD and how to access and analyze the data.

Commissioner Dan Cannity shared his screen and offered a tutorial to help the Commissioners access the data.

Commissioner Dan Cannity noted the data shows "man hours" as how the officer spent their time.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens asked if you add up all of these hours, accounting for a 24 hour work day, how many hours does that account for.

Commissioner Dan Cannity noted that number is 3172 hours.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens asked where the other 5000 hours of police activity is.

Commissioner Dan Cannity clarified that if there are 80 hours per week across all employees, with 60 officers, that means the data accounts for an hour and a half per person of their activity.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens said the data doesn't give a picture of what officers actually do. She asked, if the data is missing 5000 hours of their police activity, can the department estimate what those other hours are.

Commissioner Dan Cannity drafted an email out loud asking for more data asking for differentiation between categories, along with the explanation of those categories, as well as information on the missing 5000 hours of police activity.

Commissioner Dan Cannity said he would like to know more about the categories and named that mental health is separate from suicide attempt in the categories. He said he would like to understand how these category decisions are made.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens said they must be trained to do this categorization but that Commissioner Dan Cannity could ask for clarification in the email as well.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said it's simultaneously so much data and so little data and that it's in such raw form that it's hard to draw meaning from it without analysis. They said it shows them there is just so little accountability there is in every facet of policing.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens said that it is a closed system. She said they are accountable to the chief and that theoretically the chief is accountable to the Mayor and has to explain the budget to City Council at least once a year.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said they're shocked the department keeps asking for more budget and that there is false perception of the efficacy of policing in general.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens wondered how to move forward without having all of the data.

Commissioner Dan Cannity said in some ways this is the expected response and noted that the commission is still figuring out what questions it would like to ask. He said it takes time to figure out what supplemental information they need.

#### **4. Collaborative writing of Spending and Contracts subcommittee proposal for preliminary report**

The commissioners discuss the format of the report and how it will be combined with the rest of the subcommittees reports.

Commissioner Dan Cannity said he'd like to see the report speak to community safety in Northampton and how the commission would like to fund it. He said the commission can use the Arts Council as an example as an organization that is meeting community needs.

Commissioner Lois Ahrens said the Arts Council's way of funding other groups could be part of what this new community safety entity does.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said they feel like this process is slowed by the lack of transparency and wondered whether the legitimacy of the commission's process will be undermined by the fact they were not given all of the information.

Commissioner Dan Cannity said the report will need to clarify that all the recommendations are based on the information the commission has.

The Commissioners and Noa Coffey-Moore discussed the day and time for the next subcommittee meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Josey Rosales moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by a roll call. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.